



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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## Week of Sunshine Steps Up Field Activities

Data tables reflect the week ending: **May 25, 2014**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
	(percent)			
Corn Emerged	96	89	90	94
Corn Silking	1	NA	0	3
Cotton Planted	64	47	84	80
Peanuts Planted	52	31	57	60
Soybeans Planted	49	40	28	41
Soybeans Emerged	37	30	15	25
Winter Wheat Headed	98	96	98	97
Winter Wheat Harvested	10	2	3	10
Hay Harvested – First Cutting	58	33	47	58
N/A =Not Available				

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	1	19	71	9
Winter Wheat	1	2	17	61	19
Livestock	1	2	24	57	16
Pasture & Range	1	3	26	52	18

### SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	1	0	7
Short	9	4	17
Adequate	63	60	64
Surplus	27	36	12

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	0	0	N/A
Short	8	3	N/A
Adequate	67	65	N/A
Surplus	25	32	N/A

### GENERAL:

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 25, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.00 inches of rain over most

of the state to 0.10 inches in Geneva. Average mean temperatures ranged from 70.7°F in Coden to 77.0°F in Montgomery.

**EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:** We have received multiple applications for damage cleanup and several reports of dead livestock as a result of last month's tornado. Crop damage appears minimal with the only concern being debris in crop fields that will hinder harvest and planting. - **Shane Seay, FSA CED, Limestone County.**

The drier weather this week improved conditions and facilitated fertilizing, mowing, spraying and haying operations. - **Henry Dorrough, ACES REA, Etowah, Marshall, St. Clair Counties.** The first cutting of hay is basically done for fescue, ryegrass and rye. Bermuda and bahia are beginning to grow well along with crabgrass. - **Jack Tatum, ACES REA, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Livestock producers are making hay this week as the weather cooperates. Row crop farmers are busy planting bottom ground, fertilizing corn and spraying crops for weeds. Wheat is still three weeks from being harvested. - **Donald Mann, FSA CED, Jackson County.**

No rainfall in the past seven days. Temperatures are creeping up to the 90's. Dryer conditions will help get planting done. - **Marie Headley FSA CED, Bibb, Perry Counties.**

A week of generally dry weather allowed for most soybean and cotton planting to be finished. Winter wheat is drying down nicely with yields expected to be good. Most hay producers have completed their first cutting. - **Jeffery Smith FSA CED, Coosa, Elmore, Tallapoosa Counties.**

Thrips pressure on cotton seedlings has been light and Kudzu Bug numbers in soybeans appear to be down as well. - **Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, Autauga County.**

Some fields are dry enough to plant, but most are not. Excessive rain in Monroe County in past weeks left fields extremely wet and destroyed or damaged some terraces and waterways. As a result, cotton, peanut, and soybean planting has been delayed until repairs have been made to these structures. - **Karen McDonald, FSA CED, Monroe County.**

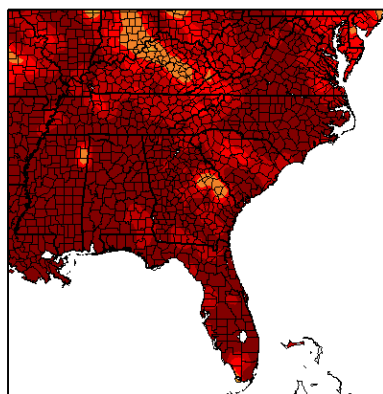
Recent excessive rains caused damage to some cropland due to flash flooding. Fields are now drying off, but water is still standing in some areas. - **Karin Knowles, FSA CED, Covington County.** Dryer weather last week allowed producers to catch up on planting for peanuts and cotton. Soybean planting is beginning. Small grain harvest will begin next week. - **James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, Henry County.**

Row crop farmers are putting seeds in the ground as quick they can thanks to this latest dry period. Cattle and hay pastures are looking better with some first hay cuttings taking place. - **Willie Durr, ACES CEC, Houston County.**

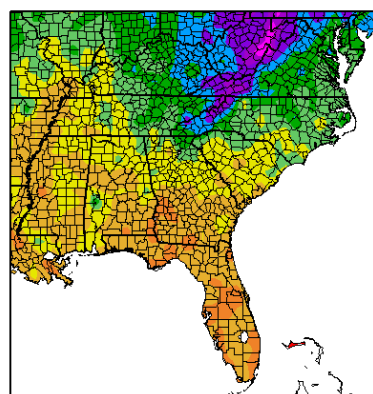
# Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/>

Precipitation (in)  
5/20/2014 - 5/26/2014



Temperature (F)  
5/20/2014 - 5/26/2014



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## U.S. Drought Monitor - May 20, 2014

National Weather Service

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Condition (Percent Area):

Week	Date	Nothing	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	5/20/2014	92.99	7.01	0.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	5/13/2014	91.14	8.86	2.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	2/18/2014	88.98	11.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year	12/31/2013	97.35	2.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year	10/1/2013	96.85	3.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	5/21/2013	94.56	5.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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### Intensity:

- D0 - Abnormally Dry
- D1 - Moderate Drought
- D2 - Severe Drought
- D3 - Extreme Drought
- D4 - Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying [text summary](#) for forecast statements.



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